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SUBJECT: SCENESETTER FOR FBI DIRECTOR MUELLER

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Matthew Tueller for reasons 1.4
(b) and (d).

¶1. (SBU) The Egyptians and I warmly welcome you to Cairo. Our partnership in law enforcement and security cooperation remains solid. Your visit enforcement and counter-terrorism issues. We have also requested meetings with Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Director of Egyptian Genera

Internal Politics and Economics

¶2. (SBU) We continue to promote democratic reform in Egypt, including the expansion of political freedom and pluralism, and respect for human rights -- as independents -- in Egypt's 454-seat parliament. Economic reform is ongoing although Egypt still suffers from widespread poverty and dependence on risky financial products, but the effects of the global economic crisis on Egypt are beginning to be felt. As the global credit crunch wors

Police Brutality and Human Rights Abuses

¶3. (C) Egypt's police and domestic security services continue to be dogged by persistent, credible allegations of abuse of detainees. Police courts increased independence to adjudicate some police brutality cases. We are working with the Egyptians through an ongoing \$1,000,000 commu

¶4. (S) The Interior Ministry uses SSIS to monitor and sometimes infiltrate the political opposition and civil society. SSIS suppresses politi

Strong CT Relationship

¶5. (SBU) We maintain close cooperation on a broad range of counter-terrorism and law enforcement issues, including an annual meeting of the U

¶6. (SBU) Egypt suffered major domestic terror attacks in 2005 (a simultaneous triple bombing in Sharm El Sheikh, which killed 88 and wounded

¶7. (C) The Egyptian government's active opposition to Islamist terrorism and effective intelligence and security services makes Egypt an unattractive target for terrorist attacks. The Egyptian government has taken steps to combat terrorism, including the arrest of several individuals involved in the assassination of former President Anwar Sadat. The Egyptian government has also taken steps to improve its counterterrorism efforts, including the establishment of a new counterterrorism unit within the Ministry of Interior. The Egyptian government has also taken steps to improve its counterterrorism efforts, including the establishment of a new counterterrorism unit within the Ministry of Interior. The Egyptian government has also taken steps to improve its counterterrorism efforts, including the establishment of a new counterterrorism unit within the Ministry of Interior.

¶8. (C) Many of the Egyptian government's far-reaching powers in the realm of counter-terrorism come from a draconian Emergency Law, which has been in effect since 1960. The Egyptian government has used this law to suppress political dissent and to maintain control over the country. The Egyptian government has also used this law to suppress political dissent and to maintain control over the country. The Egyptian government has also used this law to suppress political dissent and to maintain control over the country.